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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

# JOURNAL OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Providence, Rhode Island

December 4, 1967

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 2:11 P.M.

The roll of delegates was called; there were 73 present and 24 absent.

Absentees were Mr. Appolonia, Mrs. Barber, Messrs. Beauchemin, Bevilacqua, Bissonnette, Canna, Mmes. Capuano, Castiglia, Messrs. Colbert, DeCiantis, Dodge, Fanning of Cumberland, Fontaine, Gallagher, Gallogly, Gmelin, Mrs. Lacroix, Messrs. Martin, McFinnon, Mulligan, Mrs. Pell, Messrs. Sherry, Stapleton and Toolin.

The names of the absentees were called.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Cote and Bride, the reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed, on a voice vote.

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. LaSalle, seconded by Messrs. Cunningham and Macari, offered the following written motion:

"I move that the Committee on Administration furnish to each delegate at least thirty days before the date set for the Special Election on the proposed Constitution, a statement of the expenditures made by the Convention including the names of the persons and the amount of money paid each as compensation for services rendered as employee, advisor, consultant or otherwise."

A. Norman LaSalle

The motion was read.

The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At adjournment of the previous session there was pending on reconsideration the following:

CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
(Proposal No. 20 Sub. C, 25, 26 Sub. B, 27 Sub. B, 28, 29 Sub. B, 30 Sub. B, 31 Sub. B, 32 Sub. B, 33 Sub. B, 34 Sub. B, 35 Sub. C, 36, 37, 39 Sub. A, 41 Sub. B, 155 Sub. D, 171 Sub. C, 190 Sub. B)

(The Committee of the Whole recommends adoption as amended.)

The Chairman declared consideration, as a whole, to be in order.

Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Cote, Bizier, McGrath, Foster, Lawrence and DiLuglio, moved that the Constitution as a whole be adopted as amended.

The motion to adopt prevailed on a roll call vote, 57 delegates voting in the affirmative, 13 delegates voting in the negative and 27 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

AYES -- 57

Baccari - Providence	LaFrance - Pawtucket
Belhumeur - Central Falls	Lallo - Westerly
Bizier - Central Falls	Lambros - Providence
Chaharyn - Woonsocket	Laporte - Burrillville
Cochran - Providence	Lawrence - Providence
Colaneri - Providence	Macari - Cranston
Coleman - Woonsocket	Manning - Cumberland
Corcoran - Middletown	McCabe - Pawtucket
Cote - Pawtucket	McGrath - Providence
Crandall - Hopkinton	McKiernan - Providence
Cunningham - Pawtucket	Murphy - Warren
Delehanty - Newport	Murphy - Coventry
DiLuglio - Johnston	Murphy - Tiverton
DiSandro - Narragansett	Murray - Newport
Dyl - Central Falls	Ortoleva - Providence
Dolbashian - Portsmouth	Parrillo - Providence
Doris - Woonsocket	Prince - Woonsocket
Foster - Pawtucket	Principe - Bristol
Gammino - Providence	Pucci - Providence
Geoffroy - West Warwick	Pulner - Cranston
Giangiacomo - Providence	Ricci - Providence
Giguere - Woonsocket	SaoBento - East Providence
Hager - Cranston	Steere - East Providence
Kagan - Providence	Vacca - Smithfield
Kanakry - Pawtucket	Viall - East Providence
Kenyon - West Greenwich	Warren - North Providence
Fanning - Providence	Wexler - Providence
Feeney - East Providence	Merolla - Providence
Wrenn - Providence	

NOES -- 13

Bride - Warwick	LaSalle - Warwick
Foster - North Kingstown	Matzner - Providence
Gates - South Kingstown	Nathanson - Warwick
Gorham - Foster	Pickard - East Greenwich
Gorham - Scituate	Roberts - Providence
Greenhalgh - Gloucester	Smart - Lincoln
Willey - Barrington	

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING -- 27

Appolonia - West Warwick	Fanning - Cumberland
Barber - Westerly	Fontaine - Woonsocket
Beauchemin - Pawtucket	Gallagher - Jamestown
Bevilacqua - Providence	Gmelin - Charlestown
Bissonnette - Woonsocket	Lacroix - Lincoln
Canna - Bristol	Martin - Pawtucket
Cannon - Providence	McKinnon - Pawtucket
Capuano - Woonsocket	Mulligan - Central Falls
Castiglia - Cranston	O'Donnell - Providence
Colbert - Cranston	Pell - Newport
Cooney - Providence	Sherry - North Smithfield
DeCiantis - West Warwick	Stapleton - Little Compton
Dodge - New Shoreham	Toolin - Richmond
Gallogly - Providence	

(During the roll call Messrs. Corcoran, LaSalle and Vacca explained their vote.)

Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Bizier, Cote and McGrath, moved to take from the table Resolution No. 41 entitled "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION OF THE CONSTITUTION TO THE ELECTORS".

The Resolution was read.

On a division vote the motion to take from the table prevailed, 56 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Foster, Bizier, Cote and McGrath, offered the following written motion to amend Resolution No. 41:

"I hereby move to amend Resolution Number 41 to delete therefrom the words 'November 7, 1967' and substitute therefor 'April 16, 1968'."

John F. Doris

The motion was read.

On a division vote the motion to amend prevailed, 59 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Cote, Bizier and Wexler, moved passage of the resolution as amended.

At 2:35 P.M. the Chairman yielded the rostrum to Mr. David D. Warren, First Vice Chairman.

On a roll call vote the motion to amend Resolution No. 41 prevailed on a roll call vote, 63 delegates voting in the affirmative,

1 delegate voting in the negative and 33 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

AYES -- 63

Baccari - Providence	Lambros - Providence
Belhumeur - Central Falls	Laporte - Burrillville
Bizier - Central Falls	LaSalle - Warwick
Bissonnette - Woonsocket	Lawrence - Providence
Chaharyn - Woonsocket	Macari - Cranston
Cochran - Providence	Manning - Cumberland
Coleman - Woonsocket	Matzner - Providence
Cote - Pawtucket	McCabe - Pawtucket
Crandall - Hopkinton	McGrath - Providence
Cunningham - Pawtucket	McKiernan - Providence
Delehanty - Newport	Merolla - Providence
DiSandro - Narragansett	Murphy - Warren
Dyl - Central Falls	Murphy - Coventry
Dolbashian - Portsmouth	Murphy - Tiverton
Doris - Woonsocket	Murray - Newport
Fanning - Providence	Nathanson - Warwick
Feeney - East Providence	O'Donnell - Providence
Foster - Pawtucket	Ortoleva - Providence
Foster - North Kingstown	Parrillo - Providence
Gamminc - Providence	Prince - Woonsocket
Gates - South Kingstown	Principe - Bristol
Gmelin - Charlestown	Pucci - Providence
Geoffroy - West Warwick	Pulner - Cranston
Giguere - Woonsocket	Ricci - Providence
Greenhalgh - Glocester	Roberts - Providence
Hager - Cranston	SaoBento - East Providence
Kagan - Providence	Steere - East Providence
Kanakry - Pawtucket	Vacca - Smithfield
LaFrance - Pawtucket	Viall - East Providence
Lallo - Westerly	Warren - North Providence
Colaneri - Providence	Wexler - Providence

Wrenn - Providence

NOES -- 1

Pickard - East Greenwich

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING - 33

Appolonia - West Warwick	Colbert - Cranston
Barber - Westerly	Cooney - Providence
Beauchemin - Pawtucket	Corcoran - Middletown
Bevilacqua - Providence	DeCiantis - West Warwick
Bride - Warwick	DiLuglio - Johnston
Canna - Bristol	Dodge - New Shoreham
Cannon - Providence	Fanning - Cumberland
Capuano - Woonsocket	Fontaine - Woonsocket
Castiglia - Cranston	Gallagher - Jamestown

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING - Continued

Gallogly - Providence	McKinnon - Pawtucket
Giangiacomo - Providence	Mulligan - Central Falls
Gorham - Foster	Nathanson - Warwick
Gorham - Scituate	Pell - Newport
Kenyon - West Greenwich	Sherry - North Smithfield
Lacroix - Lincoln	Smart - Lincoln
Martin - Pawtucket	Stapleton - Little Compton
Toolin - Richmond	

Mr. Murray, seconded by Messrs. Chaharyn, Foster and Manning, moved that the Committee to Hold Public Hearings conduct further hearings on the amended document.

The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Chaharyn, offered Resolution No. 47 entitled "CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. JOHN F. LALLO ON THE BIRTH OF A DAUGHTER, DINA LYNN LALLO."

The resolution was read.

Mr. Chaharyn, seconded by Messrs. Cote and Foster, moved passage of the resolution.

The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman announced receipt of communications from the League of Women Voters of Rhode Island, thanking the delegates for their contribution of time, thought, and energy on behalf of the citizens of Rhode Island.

The communication was read.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:52 P.M. on motion of Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Cote, Bizier, McGrath and Foster, the Convention adjourned on a voice vote.

August P. LaFrance, Secretary  
Constitutional Convention